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Management of the Tirumani Leper Settlement.

*45 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the conditions and terms of the agreement on which the Tirumani Leper Settlement is to be managed have been fulfilled since it was founded;

(*b*) whether the Government are satisfied with the management;

(*c*) what are the various heads for which the allotment of Rs. 1,30,000 has been made for the Settlement in the Budget for 1929-30 and why it has been increased;

(*d*) what is the average number of patients expected to be treated in the Settlement in 1929-30 on the basis of which the said allotment has been made; and

(*e*) what is the estimated cost per patient?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The details for the contribution of Rs. 1,30,000 are—

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(1) Staff—	
Pay of European Doctor	6,900
Do. do. Matron	4,500
Do. do. Nurse	3,900
Do. Subordinate medical, clerical and menial staff	12,570
Diet contingencies and medicine—	
Fifty Anglo-Indian patients at Rs. 22½ per patient per mensem	13,500
Four hundred and fifty Indian patients at Rs. 13-4-0 per patient per mensem ...	71,550
Twenty-five children over 8 years at Rs. 9 per child per mensem	2,700
Twenty-five children under 8 years at Rs. 6.	1,800
Equipment, industries and annual repairs ...	12,575
Total ...	1,29,995

or Rs. 1,30,000 roundly.

The increase is due to the provision made for the treatment of ten additional Indian patients in 1929-30 and also for the increased provision made under equipment, industries, etc.

(*d*) & (*e*) Provision is made for the treatment of 550 patients in 1929-30 and the cost per patient in 1929-30 works out to Rs. 19·7 per mensem.

Agriculture

Alleged delay in sending pumping engines to ryots.

*46 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that inordinate delay is generally caused by the Agricultural Engineering department in sending pumping engines to ryots who want the same urgently; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to take steps to minimize such delay?